

City of Beaverton  
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)  
**Minutes – March 2, 2010**

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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Bjoern Brunner with introductions.

**Present:**

Chair Bjoern Brunner, Vice Chair Mary Elizabeth Smith, Ernie Conway, Mike Mulligan, Dana Barnes, Richard Walker, Will Cortez, Leslie Ruh, Bicycle Officer James Patrick, Staff Liaison Senior Transportation Planner Margaret Middleton, City Councilor Betty Bode.

**Absent:**

Dave Brown, Barbara Chapnick

**Visitors:**

Jim Parsons, Joanne Conzen, Brian Walker, Darrell Tuffli.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of February 2010 were approved as written with one correction to the spelling of visitor Joanne Conzen's name. Barnes/Walker 7/0.

**Staff Communications :**

**City Council:** Councilor Bode noted how the committee might benefit from a summary sheet on Roberts Rules regarding a motion they made earlier. Liaison Middleton will get a help guide from the Mayor's office. Also, Clr. Bode provided some history about Mr. Robert, the person. A note about the Visioning Report listing 135 items which will be presented on the city's website as a survey where people can select their top 15 items. She had comments by two retired citizens who ride bikes that folks should not wear dark clothes and "hoodies" because they cannot be seen nor can they make eye contact. It is very concerning because some drivers don't notice cyclists until after they pass them; in addition they have no lights.

**Police Update:** Officer Patrick noted the department as been working on bicycle rodeo fairs and their planning. A question was brought up by Member Barnes about reports of tickets being issued to cyclists for no lights; that there seem to be a lot more. Police are writing more tickets as a result of more awareness of riders. Liaison Middleton confirmed that the Bike Rodeo for Bike Beaverton was set; it is.

**Transportation Update:** Tigard posted their new bicycle map. The Beaverton map will be reviewed around June by the committee pending data that will be ready for

review. The next TSP session is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of April; April 19 for a study session with City Council. May 26<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission will have its next public hearing for the TSP.

#### **Visitor Comments:**

Ms. Conzen presented a follow up to her concern about the apartment complex she has which should have 20 racks based on the size but has none. She is now being evicted for improper parking as she is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and chained it to the bottom stairwell. She sent a letter to Corporate and spoke with the city code compliance officer and was told they did comply – though she feels they are not in compliance. She had a conversation with the city attorney who referred her back to code compliance. Councilor Bode suggested she present in public during City Council. Her goal is to get bicycle racks installed.

Mr. Tuffli is back with a follow up on a comment about Hall Blvd. north of Millikan. A bike lane to Cedar Hills would be preferable, but the city reviewed that and there is not enough width (reported in a prior meeting). Since the bike lane ends, where Hall approaches the MAX tracks the bike lanes end, but then a storm grate prior to the bridge causes the bike lane to end abruptly in front of the storm grate so riders either ride over it or move around it. Liaison Middleton suggested Mr. Tuffli contact the Transportation Engineer Jabra Khasho. His hope is that flat grates could be replaced by a curb drain or there is a way for riders to pass over the recessed drain at the point the road and bike lane merges. Mr. Tuffli explained how he crosses, but from experience, he knows how to deal with this and believes it is an issue for riders not used to such pinch points. Councilor Bode reiterated an on-site meeting with the City Transportation Engineer. He was provided with Jabra's phone number.

Mr. Parsons noted a pothole on 117<sup>th</sup> in the middle of the road turning into the parking lot as well as 117<sup>th</sup> overall. Liaison Middleton said she would check on the overlay schedule. Also, on Griffith near the YMCA there is a big pothole that he hit when moving into the lane to avoid parked cars. Finally foliage on Lombard and BH on the NW corner is big and a line-of-sight issue. Regarding foliage, Mr. Tuffli noted there is growth near the Performance Bike Shop parking lot in the creek area that also restricts visibility. A suggestion was made to consult with officials during the Traffic Engineering meeting and point it out since this may be a wetlands area.

#### **Member Communications:**

Member Mulligan brought up a discussion about what the topic of the next newsletter should be (250 word limit). Several topics came up – lighting by bicycles; bike lanes and sidewalks with a discussion about ORS for riding on sidewalks with a mention of the city code near Watson; Citizen safety, community safety about southbound riders crossing the RR tracks from Broadway to Lombard. For the March 31<sup>st</sup> article, clothing and lighting will be submitted, which included an explanation by

Officer Patrick about front and rear lighting. The following submission will be about riding on sidewalks.

The article submission led to a discussion about the upcoming bike lane proposal on Lombard. As part of the TSP all arterials and collectors will have bicycle lanes and Lombard is a collector.

Chair Brunner noted the Bicycle Friendly Certification (which is currently a Bronze rating good through 2011) should be reviewed and see what the next application has that might offer suggestions that can be done to improve the next rating.

THPRD Trails Committee Update: None, Dave Brown was absent.

**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Bike Beaverton: Member Smith raised the question of what “Sponsorship” means regarding submission of logos on both flyers and other material. Councilor Bode noted that only the City Attorney can make such a call.

Liaison Middleton presented the NAC event calendar for review. Member Conway will email a recap of who is attending which NAC and when. Middleton suggested and encouraged that each person get hold of the NAC chair a month prior to get on their agenda, then more people would get notice of the agenda item and come. She has all the contacts and told people to let her know which NAC leader’s contact info they need.

Central Beaverton	?
Five Oaks/Triple Creek	Will likely in May
West Beaverton	Bjoern in June
Highland	Ernie maybe May.
West Slope	Mary Elizabeth or Ernie.
Neighbors SW	\ Bjoern in May
Sexton	/ Combined in one meeting
Vose	Dave and/or Barbara
South Beaverton	Dana in May
Denney Whitford/Raliegh West	Richard Walker in April
Greenway	?

The committee then broke out into subcommittees to discuss their assignments. Each will report on progress the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.,

Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

**Adjourn**

If you have questions on any item, please feel free to call Margaret Middleton at (503) 526-2424.

Submitted,  
Ernie Conway